Purity standards of distilled water

1753. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing machinery, if any, to check purity and quality of mineral water marketed by various distilled water companies in the country;

(b) if answer to part (a) above be in negative, whether Government would consider the desirability of laying purity standards for distilled water marketed by the companies, in the interest of public health; and

(c) if so, what measures are contemplated by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) The standards of mineral water have been laid down under PFA Rules, 1955. The State/U.T. Governments are checking the purity and quality of mineral water. Further, a draft Notification has also been issued recently proposing to make certification by Bureau of Indian Standards mandatory for manufacture of mineral water.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Occupancy of CGHS Pool Quarters

1754. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of continued occupation of CGHS pool quarters by CGHS employees, even after they were offered general pool accommodation by Directorate of Estates, have come to the notice of Government;

(b) if so, the names and addresses of employees who have been offered general pool accommodation but have not vacated CGHS pool quarters, so far;